

McDANIEL, NAMED BY MYSTERY WITNESS, ASKS EARLY TRIAL

PROSECUTOR IS CHARGED WITH WIFE'S MURDER

St. Joseph Grand Jury to Consider Case Wednesday.

QUARREL, STATE'S CLAIM

Suspicion Led to Dispute, Investigator Says.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Sept. 25.—A mysterious witness, whose identity is being closely guarded by Special Prosecutor Bart M. Lockwood, will go before the grand jury Wednesday with evidence that may cause the indictment of Oscar D. McDaniel for the murder of his wife.

McDaniel was arrested last night after investigations lasting many weeks. He said today that he will ask for an early trial.

Burglars Blamed!

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Sept. 25.—In signed statement, given out at the county jail, McDaniel denied his guilt.

"Countless false and slanderous rumors have been circulated about me and some have tried to blacken the fair name of my wife," the accused man's statement reads. "It seemed in their sight not enough that my wife should be torn from me. They hope to assassinate the character and blacken the future of the one left to safeguard the welfare of my three motherless children."

The statement shows that McDaniel will have as his defense that the murder was committed by burglars.

for an early trial. McDaniel is a candidate on the democratic ticket for reelection in November.

McDaniel also said he will make application for bond and the amount is a matter of indifference to him.

Murder Stirred City.

The murder with which McDaniel is charged was committed on the evening of July 15. It stirred the city greatly, for Mrs. McDaniel came from a widely known family. She was 35 years old, and the mother of three children.

Suspicion on her part, resulting in accusation of her husband and a quarrel between the two provoked the murder, according to the theory of Lockwood.

Told of Deceit Call.

The first known of the murder was when McDaniel telephoned police headquarters that his wife had been murdered during his absence. Detectives, on entering the room, found Mrs. McDaniel on the bed in her boudoir, unconscious from blows on her head.

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EDICT TO FORBID SELLING OF ALL KINDS OF CIDER

County, Unable to Reach Offenders to Stop Sale.

An absolute ban on selling of cider of all kinds in Oklahoma county will become effective within the next two or three days, according to a statement from the county attorney's office today. The sweeping order is directed toward all dealers in cider, and prohibits the sale of all kinds of cider, regardless of whether it contains more or less than the legal amount of alcohol.

The order came after several months of investigation into twenty odd cases in which it was alleged cider contained from 5 to 12 percent of alcohol. These cases are still under investigation, but no informations have been filed. Analysis made by the city chemist disclosed the presence of alcohol in an illegal amount.

The county attorney's office has notified all cider dealers to stop selling cider, but two or three days will be given for them to dispose of their supply on hand.

"The wholesalers say the cider is pure when it leaves their houses, and that the retailers put the alcohol in later," it was stated today.

Statement Disputed.

It is understood the county attorney's office, realizing the difficulty of stopping unlawful sale of cider, concluded to put the ban on all cider. Sellers of cider hereafter, it was announced, will be presented for violation of the prohibitory laws.

EPISCOPALIANS MAY REMOVE WORD 'DAMN' FROM PRAYER BOOK

NEW YORK, Sept. 25.—Elimination of the word "damn" from the Episcopal prayer book and the substitution of the word "condemni" is recommended by the commission on revision of the prayer book in a report to be read at the triennial convention of the Protestant Episcopal church at St. Louis next month.

SHOTGUN-PISTOL DUEL FOUGHT BY ANGRY WORKMEN

Residence District Alarmed by Grim Warfare.

Clatter of hammers and rumble of mortar mixing in the building operations near Thirtieth street and Classen boulevard were stopped this morning by the boom of a sawed-off shotgun. As carpenters and laborers straightened up and looked around the crack of a 45 six-shooter answered the shotgun.

Shotgun and six-shooter alternated as bystanders hurried for shelter. Isaac Schilling, white carpenter, stood in an alley methodically loading and firing the shotgun at a pile of cement sacks. I. A. Ransom, negro laborer, poked his head over the top of the sacks and fired his six-shooter at Schilling, then ducked down to reload.

As the men in the neighborhood crouched down behind piles of lumber and brick or peered around corners of houses to watch the battle, women nearby hurried to telephones. Seven calls in fewer minutes notified the police that a massacre was in progress.

Just before Chief Nichols and Detective Witten arrived in the police flivver, Schilling retired in good order. The negro backed away from his barricade and the argument was called a draw. One crowd of interested spectators.

STRIKE BOARD TO FILE REPORT TODAY

The state board of arbitration which for more than a week has been investigating the strike of Oklahoma City theater employees is expected to make its report and recommendations late this afternoon or tonight.

The scene of the hearings of the board were transferred this morning from the city hall to the office of State Labor Commissioner Ashton. No testimony was taken today, the time of the board being devoted to consideration of evidence taken in previous hearings. No more testimony will be taken, it was stated.

Funston Apologizes to Carranzistas

WASHINGTON, Sept. 25.—Major General Funston advised the war department today that he had ordered an expression of regret to the Mexican authorities for the action of Corporal Rogers, B troop, Texas cavalry, in crossing into Mexico with a patrol of seven men Thursday and had directed Colonel Gaston, commanding in the Big Bend district, to try the corporal for disobeying orders.

New York Schools Two Weeks Late

NEW YORK, Sept. 25.—The New York public schools opened today, two weeks later than usual. The school authorities estimated that parents of 75,000 of the 800,000 children would keep them at home through fear of infantile paralysis.

Cloudy Tonight and Tuesday — Forecast

Local Forecast—Partly cloudy tonight and Tuesday; little change in temperature.

State Forecast—Generally fair tonight and Tuesday.

ARKANSAS—Partly cloudy.

KANSAS—Partly cloudy, probably showers in extreme east portion.

HOURLY TEMPERATURE
10 p. m. 70
11 p. m. 69
12 midnight 69
1 a. m. 65
2 a. m. 63
3 a. m. 63
4 a. m. 63
5 a. m. 61
6 a. m. 60
7 a. m. 59
8 a. m. 57
9 a. m. 55
10 a. m. 55
11 a. m. 55
12 noon 55
1 p. m. 53
2 p. m. 53

"Zimmie"

INVASION OF DOBRUDJA IS AT DEADLOCK

Von Mackensen Unable to Break Line.

RUSSIANS IN OFFENSIVE

Capture Macedonian Hill Held by Bulgarians.

LONDON, Sept. 25.—Latest reports regarding the important campaign in the Rumanian province of Dobrudja indicate a lessening in the intensity of the struggle between the invading armies of the central powers and the Russians and Rumanians facing them.

Field Marshal von Mackensen's initial attempt to break the allied line formed to defend the Constanza-Tchernevoda railroad evidently have failed, the opposing forces apparently now virtually deadlocked along the front from the Danube to the Black Sea. The current statement from Bucharest announces only artillery duels along the Danube. It declares, however, that the Rumanians have made some progress on their left flank, which rests on the sea coast.

Rumanians Take 300. In their invasion of Transylvania the Rumanians report success in an attack at Hermannstadt, where 300 men and five machine guns were captured. Nearly 7,000 prisoners have been taken by the Rumanians so far in their Transylvania campaign.

Russian troops on the western end of the Macedonian front took the offensive last night. The French war office announced today that they had captured hill 916, west of Florina, which had been fortified strongly by the Bulgarians. A Bulgarian counter-attack was checked by French and Russian artillery and bayonets.

German Attack Fails. German troops made an attack on the Verdun front last night, near Vaux-Chatre wood. The French war office report this afternoon says the attack failed.

Extensive fires were observed to have been caused by the Zeppelin bombardment of London and the English midland counties on Saturday night, it was announced in Berlin today in the official German report of the air raid.

Two Zeppelins were lost as a result of anti-aircraft guns in London, the statement adds. British monitors and destroyers bombarded the Belgium coast Sunday between Heyst and Bruges, according to a Reuter dispatch from Flushing.

Oldest Printer in Kansas Is Dead

TOPEKA, Kan., Sept. 25.—Edward P. Harris, the oldest printer in Kansas, died here today after an illness of two weeks. Mr. Harris, who was 82 years old, had been a resident of Kansas since 1880 and was active at his trade from that time until he suffered an accident recently. He had known every governor of the state and in the days before the civil war was a "conductor" on the "underground railroad," by which many slaves escaped.

MEXICANS HOLD AMERICAN WHO SHOT SERGEANT

Killing Follows Objection to Toast to United States.

EL PASO, Texas, Sept. 25.—A Carranza sergeant of the El Valle, Chihuahua, garrison, was shot and killed Friday night by an American trooper of the Fifth cavalry, who is being held prisoner, according to a report brought to Columbus, N. M., from field headquarters. The Carranza commander at El Valle refused to surrender the prisoner after Gen. J. J. Pershing sent a messenger requesting release of the American.

Object to Toast. According to the report eight members of the Fifth cavalry visited a saloon at El Valle. Seventeen Carranza soldiers entered late with side arms. During the drinking the Mexican sergeant is said to have proposed a toast to the United States which was objected to by the Americans. The shooting is reported to have followed.

Held on Murder Charge. The troopers fled through windows and doors, but missed one of their comrades when they reached camp. They reported having seen soldiers carrying a wounded American away.

Following an investigation, General Pershing sent Capt. William Reed to confer with the Carranza commander. Unconfirmed reports say the latter refused to release the trooper and is holding him incommunicado on a charge of murder.

BLACKMAILER? OH, NO!



Mrs. Helen Evers. Mrs. Evers was arrested in the raid on the headquarters of the alleged blackmail gang in Chicago a week ago. She indignantly protests that she is innocent and her attorney, Charles E. Erbshten, says that fifty more or less prominent Chicagoans will provide her alibi. The attorney wouldn't be quoted as saying so, but it is understood the men will testify that at the time she is alleged to have been involved in a blackmailing deal she was with them at various cafes and roadhouses and other places in and around Chicago. Whether the fifty will remain in Chicago to sacrifice their reputations on the altar of obliquity or take to the tall timber between now and October remains to be seen.

RESUBMISSION OF ANTI-GAMING ACT ASKED OF STATE

Petition Filed With Election Board; Consider Soon.

John Rainey, representing the original petitioners on the referendum of the anti-gambling act of the 1913 legislature, which was nullified by a supreme court decision, has filed with the state election board an application for re-submission of the law in the November election.

The law was sustained by a five vote when submitted in the election in 1914, but the supreme court, in an opinion by Justice Hardy, held that the election was invalid because election officials had failed to comply with certain provisions of the initiative and referendum law in submitting the question.

Duty to Re-submit. Rainey takes the position that the supreme court having held that the law was improperly submitted by the election officials it now becomes their duty to re-submit it in due form, according to constitutional and statutory requirements.

The decision of the court was handed down a few weeks before the convening of the last extra session of the legislature and one of the first acts of the assembly was the re-enactment of the law with two additional features designed to force county officers to enforce the law.

Misdemeanor Only. If the contention of Rainey is sustained and the election board orders re-submission, the only anti-gambling law in effect in the state defines the offense as a misdemeanor. The new law makes it a felony.

None of the members of the election board is in the city. They are expected here, however, within a few days to pass upon the question. The application was filed by McAdams & Haskell, who represented the petitioners in the former court proceedings.

Mexicans Confirm Report Bell Sent

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Sept. 25.—Carranza officers who have made their way to Juarez from Chihuahua City have confirmed the report of General George Bell Jr., regarding Villa's Hidalgo day attack, according to a message today to General Funston.

General Bell's report said that Villa's attack was successful and that after obtaining what he wished, he left the city. The report was doubted by the war department.

VENIZELOS GOES TO SALONIKI TO JOIN REVOLTERS

Former Premier Is Reported Leaving Athens.

LONDON, Sept. 25.—A dispatch to the Star from Athens says former Premier Venizelos of Greece has gone to Saloniki.

ATHENS, Sept. 24. (via London, Sept. 25).—Sixty-nine out of the eighty members of King Constantine's famous Cretan Guard, who have disbanded the organization, leaving only eleven loyal members, purpose following Premier Venizelos to Saloniki should he decide to go there to join the revolutionary movement, according to advices from Crete.

Armed Cretons to the number of 30,000 are now said to control the entire island in behalf of Venizelos, the insurgents now having entered Crete, where they took possession of the government buildings, turning out the Greek authorities.

NEW RECORD FOR WORLD TRADE SET BY U. S. EXPORTS

Sales Pass Half Billion, Unique for August.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 25.—American exports finally have passed the \$500,000,000 a month mark. Statistics issued today by the department of commerce show that goods sent abroad in August were valued at \$510,000,000, a record not only for this country, but for the world.

Imports decreased in August, the total of \$199,247,391 being \$47,000,000 below that of June, the record month. It was greater, however, than the total of any previous August. Exports for the year ended with August aggregated \$4,750,000,000 and the imports \$2,300,000,000, both totals being far in advance of those for any similar period. Of this August imports 66.5 percent entered free of duty compared with 67.5 percent in August a year ago.

The favorable trade balance for August was \$311,000,000, compared with \$119,000,000 in August a year ago and a balance of \$19,000,000 against the United States in August, 1914.

Youth Rivals Age for Honors of Day at Oklahoma Fair

War's Veterans, With Fife and Drum and Waving Colors, Parade to Exhibits; Babies, Silent and Wondering, Examined by Physicians; Record-Breaking Attendance Anticipated.

Life's spring and winter—youth and age—vied with each other for the attention of State Fair visitors today.

Age made the most noise. Age, it must be confessed, occupied the center of the stage and the spotlight pretty successfully.

Youth said nothing at all. It stood in the wings, awaiting the cue which soon will call it forth to occupy the place of the oldsters. Youth was silent—but it was still with a silence that said more plainly than words: "I am the great potential."

WILSON DEFENDS TARIFF POLICY; FUTURE BRIGHT

America Has Only to Conduct Business Properly.

BALTIMORE, Sept. 25.—President Wilson, speaking before the Grain Dealers' convention here today, upheld his tariff policy, defended the federal reserve act and the shipping bill and declared that if its business is properly conducted, America has an unexcelled future before it.

Seek to Excel.

"I want to see America seek not to exclude but to excel," said the president, in discussing American trade. He spoke in support of the tariff commission created by the last congress.

Will Look for Facts.

On the tariff the president said he does not fear to say that previous tariff laws were founded on theories. He did not fear the investigation of the facts by the tariff commission. "It will look for the facts, no matter whom it hurts," he said.

FAIR LAND SALE TO LAND COMMISSIONERS

Question of whether the State Fair grounds school land should be sold under the statute relating to farm land or under the statute relating to town lots should be determined by the commissioners of the land office and their judgment is final, according to a ruling of the attorney general's office in a letter this morning to Secretary Smith of the school land department.

The land was to have been sold on September 14 as farm land, but the sale was postponed when the question was raised as to whether it should be sold as farm or city land.

Wall Street Sells Two Million Shares

NEW YORK, Sept. 25.—For the first time in nearly ten years trading on the New York stock exchange today totaled more than 2,000,000 shares. This enormous overturn was reached a half hour before the close of the market. Nearly one half the trading occurred in United States Steel and in copper shares with a new high record for Steel and most of the coppers.

Capper Reinstates Sheriff at Olathe

TOPEKA, Kan., Sept. 25.—Governor Capper today reinstated Sheriff E. G. Carroll of Johnson county, who was automatically deposited last Thursday following the lynching of Bert Dudley at Olathe.

You Try It

A WOMAN called the Better Menu Contest Editor of the Times on the telephone today and said: "I tried the daily menu you published one day last week and want to tell you that I am grateful to you for awakening me on this table proposition. Every woman in Oklahoma City ought to become interested in this contest. It certainly has helped me already, and after dinner last night George hugged me and said—'what's happened here all of a sudden?' I thought at first you had hired a chef."

Veterans There Early. Age was represented in the veterans of the civil war, guests of the State Fair association today. Almost to a man they were present at the exposition grounds when the gates swung open at 8 o'clock. Their uniforms and badges passed them through. United Confederate Veterans and members of the G. A. R. were both represented.

Led by the fife and drum corps of the Oklahoma G. A. R., the wearers of the blue first paraded the principal streets of the fair, followed by the local Women's Relief corps. Then they started on their tour of the exhibits. Through practically every building on the grounds they went, the drum corps bravely "thump-thumping" its way in the van of the marching blue columns.

In each exhibit the veterans' musical organization stopped long enough to play "Yankee Doodle" and similar patriotic airs. Meantime the marchers scattered through the exhibits. At the conclusion of the music they fell into line again and were led to the next place of interest.

Perhaps one of the most significant events of the morning was when fair visitors saw the old "boys" come striding proudly into the Indian exhibit building. Ranged around the walls were agricultural exhibits comparing favorably with the very best county exhibits in Agricultural hall.

Veterans Pleased.

Some of the veterans, perhaps, had fought against the fathers and grandfathers of the youths represented in the Indian exhibit. Oklahoma played its part in the civil war—and so did its Indians. Yet the martial tread of the union soldiers signified not only the triumph of the Anglo Saxon over the aborigine, but it signified as well the triumph of the aborigine over ignorance and sloth. It was these same old soldiers who aided in making the Indian exhibit possible.

A few score feet from the fife and drums, was youth. At the baby's health conference in the extreme northwestern edge of the fair grounds, Oklahoma's children were undergoing examination for physical and mental defects or perfections. Some were grandchildren or great-grandchildren of the old fighters and drummers.

You'll Be Surprised.

One's preconceived notions of a baby show are shattered to smithereens when he enters the health conference. The uninitiated pictures a baby show as composed of squalling, red-faced infants of all ages and complexions, attended by equally red-faced and perspiring mothers engaged in the hopeless task of keeping them silent.

The reverse is true of the State Fair conference. In clean booths the babies are stripped to the skin and stood on clean pine tables. Then one of a committee of thirty-six Oklahoma City physicians, dentists, and eye, ear, nose and throat specialists begins an examination.

First Class Examination.

Each child is weighed, measured and tested as to heart, lungs, sight, hearing, taste, smell and feeling. Every physical function is probed by the inquisitive examiners and when each baby has been punched and probed thoroughly as to mentality and physical structure, he is given back to his mother.

Four hundred children are entered in the conference this year. More than 200 were examined last year, but entries were limited for this season. No prizes or awards of any character will be given contestants. Each parent who enters a baby in the conference, however, will be mailed a score-card and certificate within thirty days of the ending of the fair. These score-cards will indicate any physical defects the child may have. Scoring will continue each day until Saturday noon. Out-of-town babies will be examined Wednesday and Thursday.

Car Lines Taxed.

While State Fair officials were unable to estimate at 2 o'clock the number of the day's admissions, it was stated that by 6 o'clock another record might have been made. Every train into the city unloaded its quota of fair-bound visitors, and the transportation capacity of the Fair grounds car line was taxed from 10 o'clock in the morning until 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

Judging of county exhibits was begun this morning simultaneously with the judging in the babies' health conference. Thirty-two of the seventy-seven counties of the state are represented. Oklahoma's resources were